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In response to an Office Action dated 11/17/2004, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to have what the Examiner has identified as "species 1" represented by figure 3 examined in the present application. The claims that are believed to read on the elected species are 1 - 5, 12, and 14.

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